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Dear Ed:

*Thanks*  
Your forwarded notes will be taken care of. We have no B<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup>; I've passed that one on to Bernice Davis. The other was more perplexing: I asked for the reference; it seems likely the determination of gluconate would need a glucose-negative mutant, unless it's by difference of glycolysis by ~~guk~~ gluconate-adapted and unadapted cells.

*will be OK  
Sent if  
we have it*  
This gives me an occasion to ask a similar favor: Hazel Barner wants a culture of 58-5417 (biotin, uracil) K-12. Ours suddenly needs yeast-extract! Have you a copy you could send us both, or to me to her?

*Thanks*  
We surmise you are going to Rockefeller the end of the year. Whatever is ~~hanging~~ behind this ~~shucks~~ decision, you know that Esther and I wish you the most fruitful and happiest time there. It's a great boost for Rockefeller!

*might be  
able to;  
Have him  
get in touch  
w me after  
Jan 3*  
I add a note of personal ~~appeal~~ appeal: Boris Rotman is in a very difficult situation. He had a fairly satisfactory position in Chile, but his wife developed an aggravated hip ailment, and they have suddenly to go back to NY for at least 6 months for surgery (beginning about Dec. 15) and he is urgently looking for a job there. I don't know how flexible his plans are, but if you could use an A1 biochemist and generally first class lab-man to help get setup, you might want to discuss it with him. You can reach him for the next few weeks at

Instituto de Quimica fisiologica  
Escuela de Medicina  
Universidad de Chile  
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Santiago Chile

You can get further references from Sol Spiegelman & Hank Lardy.

Esther and I aren't travelling for a while. We'll be off to a Ciba do London in March, and doubtless will be through NY then & hope to see you. June 1-Oct. 1 + is our Australian (+?) trip, which is pretty well settled now except for the return itinerary.

Yours,

*John*

*Stop in N.Y.!? →*